

# Aruba Labor Unions Reject Governments Ten Percent Tax Increase Proposal

ORANJESTAD—The Central Government's proposed measure to change its very unpopular 15 percent salary cur for all workers in the Netherlands Antilles measure to a 10 percent increase in income

tax was unanimously rejected by Aruba labor unions earlier this week. The Council of Ministers of the Antilles government had told the unions in a Monday meeting of the proposal ten percent

in income tax as of September 1 (with salaries below 600 guilders per month exempted). The proposed measure would deduct an additional ten percent directly from workers pay on all islands of

the Netherlands Antilles except Aruba, where with already worked pay on all islands of the Netherlands Antilles except Aruba, where with already worked out other extra taxes it would amount to

in Aruba the would be deducted as an additional tax to the about to be imposed "solidarity tax". Referring to the proposed income tax increase, F.T.A.

union president Anselmo Pontilius said the island's unions have already expressed opposition to the fact that while the Central Government implements income reducing measures, nothing is being done to implement an effective price control and reduction of necessity goods. The Aruba island government civil servants who already had to sacrifice 15 percent of their income in the Aruba government imposed austerity measure would be hard hit by the Central Government's proposed measure. Pontilius said that the civil servants have been deceived by repeated promises of the Aruba government that any measure imposed by the Central Government would take already-made income sacrifices into account. Also commenting on the proposed measure, P.D.A. party president Dr. Leonard Berlinski said: It a punishment of the population which also takes away the buying power and creates loss of jobs in the private sector. The idea to impose by law a new ten percent pay-cut or tax-hike on September 1 on income from all workers, government or private sector, comes from a financially worried Netherlands Antilles government. The measure has been roundly criticized by monetary experts as radical and unnecessary, and St. Maarten political leader Mr. Claude Wathey recently served notice that St. Maarten would withdraw from the Netherlands Antilles constellation if such a law came into being. Dr. Berlinski said, "its a decided step toward socialism and its control of prices, wages and destruction of private enterprise. Free enterprise is the most important element of our society a backbone of its strength. Under free enterprise everyone can achieve whatever he wishes," said Dr. Berlinski.



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## Charlie's Bar Boozers Fun Run



ORANJESTAD—Deputy of Education Mr. John van der Kuyp received Dr. Helen McClenahan and Margaret Irizarry of New York State University in his office. The two representative of the university are on an orientation visit to Aruba and the also held meetings with Dr. Carlin Browne. Mr. Joop Verschoor, president of the Board of the Universitat di Aruba and director Dr. Carlin Browne accompanied the visitors.

SAN NICOLAS—The 1st San Nicolas "Fun Run" organized by Charlie Bar Boozers will be on August 31 (Saturday) starting at 6 p.m. They will start the 5 km run at Esso Heights, then continue through Lagoweg, St. Maartenstraat (village) and will end at the Promenade. At the promenade there will be a gorgeous surprise waiting the participants. Inscription for the fun run is at Charlie's Bar, YMCA, and the Idefre offices, the fee is only f.5.--. All the participants will receive a beautiful t-shirt. The funds will be to assist the Aruba runners at the Curacao marathon and the new York marathon.

*The Local*  
**EDITOR'S CORNER**

**OUR MOCK MARRIAGES**

Although business in general on the island is present ly in a state of decline, due to the abrupt closure of the Lago oil refinery, the prostitution problem is becoming more and more acute by the day. If in the past San Nicolas was frowned on as being the "Sin city" of Aruba, due to the fact that San Nicolas was an oiltown, a boomtown, and a seaport, catering to the tastes and whims of visiting seamen, the bulk of the action has now moved to the island's capital, Oranjestad. Police rounding up soliciting prostitutes in the heart of the city has become a nightly occurrence. But the results of the majority of the se roundups and arrests are futile, laughable and ridiculous, due to the fact that the arrested prostitutes turn out to be Antilleans, and according to law, nothing can be done and the women are at liberty again to continue practicing their illicit trade. Making these women immune to persecution originates in our mock marriages, whereby foreign women after marrying to Antilleans acquire the right of a Dutch citizen. The procedure of these marriages are as follow: the women, the majority of them Dominicans, come to Aruba as "tourists" and shortly after arrival they conspicuously get into contact with pimps who always have candidates for marriage on hand, usually vagabonds with no fixed place of abode, retarded persons, or aged and lonely men who are willing to marry for a suit and a few paltry guilders; they are then taken to Santo Domingo, married under questionable circumstances and return to the Netherlands Antilles. By this procedure the bride then becomes a citizens of the Kingdom of the Netherlands with all rights involved. She can then even go to Holland as free as any full-blooded Antillean; and many of them have made use of the opportunity. Another problem is that after these women acquire Dutch rights they become a social problem, often breaking up homes and causing divorce of long established marriages. The question has often been asked. What can be done to remedy this abominable situation. Mothers have protested about their sons getting involved with the women, children have protested about their aged and widowed father becoming a victim of the racket. The Dominicans (natives of Santp Domingo) being the majority, carry the brunt of the blame, but there are also women of other nationalities, Colombians, Venezuelans, Jamaicans etc., who take advantage of our mock marriage and its lucrative opportunities. The matter has often been discussed in government circles; as recently as last week the question was raised in the Staten, if nothing can be done to make an exception in the law to stop this abuse. One pregnant question asked was: How is it possible that if an Antillean woman in Holland marries to a Dutch man she and her children must meet certain requirements to enter the Netherlands Antilles, while a Dominican or a woman of another nationality marries an Antillean and if he acknowledges her children she can bring her children to the Netherlands Antilles without experiencing any difficulties whatsoever. There is a general feeling in both Aruba and Curacao that the mock marriage is a racket in which important people in the community might be involved and are profiting from the system, and therefore are hampering a solution to the problem. In the meantime the reputation of the island is being damaged and a solution is highly recommendable.

**Village Talk**



by **WILLY**

Village Talk  
 By Willy

A fella tell Willy dat de woman dem nowadays don't kno' wha' more to do. He say dat now dey doin' body building. But he say he loik he woman dem soft an' tender. He say he don't want no hard muscle woman sleepin' soid ah he.

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Willy hear dat dey ketch up wid a thief in de village an' he had a storehouse ah tings. De Polees dem thought dat dey buttled up on a store warehouse.

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Willy hear dat de catoochi sellers dem backin' dong. Dey cut de proizes dem in half.

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A old lady in de village tell Willy dat dey move she in one ah de new houses dem, bur she miss she neighbors dem who she used to pong melee wid.

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A fella tell Willy dat one ah de joygiols dem tell he dat dey workin' on a unemployment fund plan.

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De schoolchildren dem say dat is now de politishuns dem start lettin' ouk de secrets dem. Dey say dey talkin loka parakeets.

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A fella tell Willy dat jus' when he tink he wouldah get a chance to watch he televishun loik Topacio f' finich, now is Crystal tek ovah.

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Now dat Lago gone an de bisniss places dem closin' dong one behoind de nex Willy tink dat San Nicolas bettah look fo' status aparte too.

Willy hear dat in Curacao dey rafflin' de Dominicanas dem on pool.

**Former Deputy Makes Surprising Remarks**

ORANJESTAD—Former deputy Daniel Leo (MEP) caused quite a sensation during an Island Council meeting Thursday when he accused top level members of the MEP, his own party, of hiding certain documents and correspondence from him during his term as deputy. The documents he referred to concern exploration for oil and natural gas in the territorial waters of Aruba. Mr. Leo said that such documents should not belong to any specific "group or party" but should be handled by a committee comprised of members of all faction in the island council, and should be a national pro-

ject. The former deputy said he questioned the matter repeatedly during his term of office, but was never given a satisfactory answer. Mr. Leo denies having any disagreement with the party leaders, and claimed that his remarks are based on facts of which the public should be aware.



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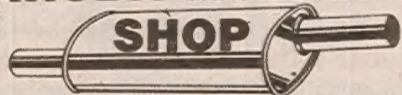
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lution in Chinese Medicine. Various workshops were held, all relating to the subject of pain management. Attending the congress were professionals from 15 countries and 28 states. Among the countries being represented were Ecuador, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Korea, the Netherlands Antilles, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Sweden and Taipei. The speakers were from China, Sweden, Hong Kong, Nigeria and the United States. Of particular interest to Dr. Browne were workshops offering specific viables to pain. Charles P. Ledefgerber, M.D. from Beverly Hills, California, led an informative workshop on the diagnosis and Treatment of pain through Thermography. Thermography is a technique of detecting and measuring variations in the body's radiant heat emission patterns and transferring them into electronic signals that can be visualized. It is particularly useful in such disorders as arthritis, rheumatoid disease, vascular impairment, hematomas, soft tissue injury, tumors, head aches etc. Thermography also allows the follow-up of improvement of these conditions after treatment. Since pain is a largely subjective component, it is often difficult to document. However, thermography has been proven to be a simple and helpful tool in the identification and localization of pain. This technique allows segmental pain and trigger (acupuncture) points to be visualized before and after treatment. Dr. H.C. Dung, Ph.D., San Antonio, Texas, presented an interesting workshop on the Prognosis of Relief Using the Acupuncture Method for Pain Quantification (identifying quantity). Normal measurements of pain are done clinically using oral reports. However, since it is deter-



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and possibilities for employment. It will form part of a new Aruba in a new political era with direct ties with Holland and a renewed initiative for tourism, he said. The first phase of Casa del Mar consisting of 32 luxurious apartments is

scheduled to open on August 15, 1986, together with its restaurant health center and recreation facilities. Work on its second phase will start immediately and will bring the total of luxurious apartments to 130. The construction firm Albo



CASA DEL MAR

## Labor Leader Pontilius Elected For Another Term

SAN NICOLAS—F.T.A. president Anselmo Pontilius was re-elected Sunday for another two year term at the helm of the "Federacion di Trahadornan di Aruba", the island, largest labor union, representing some 2000 workers. Other re-elected members of the F.T.A. Board are Secretary Adelta Tromp and Commissioner of Organisation, Franklin Krozendijk. New members are Vice President Alex Tromp and Treasurer Joseph Romano. Elected as Sector Secretaries are: Johnny Hart (banking), Marcelino Martinez (construction and metals), Efraim Odor (Hotels), Vicente Briezen (casinos) and Augustin Pio Croes (commerce);

## Antilles Wins 10 Nation Softball Tourney

WILLEMSTAD—Curacao The Netherlands Antilles men's softball team on the weekend won the Pa-

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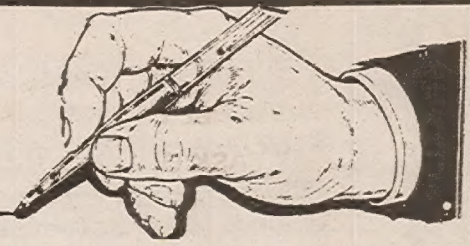
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ries regarding magnetic therapy, which is closely linked with acupuncture. Among the many other workshops available to the participants of this Congress were those relating to herbal medicine, acupuncture/acupressure for correction of pain in athletes, mental and emotional pain, treatment with Vitamin E, pre-menstrual headaches and treatment of smoking, drinking and drug abuse with acupuncture. Of particular interest to Dr. Browne was the workshop on Cosmetic Acupuncture. Cosmetic acupuncture, including face lifting, is a much more advanced method than actual surgery. In some parts of the world, cosmetic acupuncture is well accepted and widely used. Dr. Browne has purchased the necessary equipment and is now ready to implement cosmetic acupuncture in the Antilles. The Congress was very interesting and Dr. Browne especially appreciated the exchange of ideas and methods which this Congress afforded.

**Betico Croes Challenges Daniel Leo's Remarks**

ORANJESTAD—Ruling MEP party leader Betico Croes challenged former MEP deputy Daniel Leo to identify the clique Leo has said is secretly handling the possibilities of oil deposits off the coasts of Aruba. Ex deputy Leo, who has announced his retirement from politics to dedicate himself to agriculture, said I want to warn that anything there doesn't belong to only a small group but to the community".

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american Softball Championship at Medellin Colombia. The Antilles defeated Panama 6-3 in the Final of the tourney that began August 16 with teams of some ten countries.



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## Obituary

News was received here last week that a well-known former Aruba resident, Mr. Johans Joseph Martijn, popularly known as "Buchitu" passed away in Caracas, Venezuela. The deceased came to Aruba many years ago from Bonaire and was a former employee of E.F. Debrot inc. before going on his own. He founded the "Buche's Bar" in San Nicolas and was always active in the commercial life of San Nicolas and was a member of the San Nicolas Businessmen's Association for many years. He was buried in Caracas where he resided for the past 15 years. The Local extends its condolence to the relatives of the deceased.



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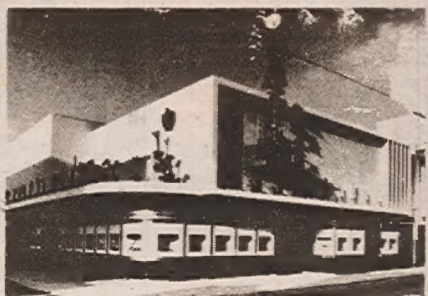



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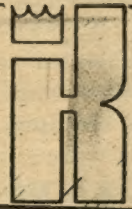
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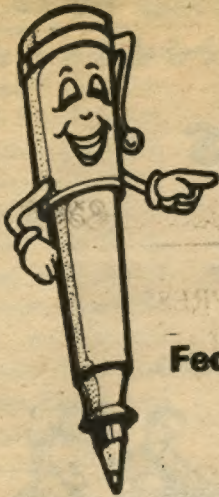
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## Slow Music Gets Shopper To Spend More

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## Your Blood Type Determines How Long You'll Live

Blood type is actually related to life expectancy. Caucasian men with type O blood tend to live longest, while white men with type B tend to live the shortest according to the book "Invitation to Biology". But the opposite is actually true for Caucasian women. These with type O live the shortest and women with type B the longest. Blood type is also related to some diseases. People who have O blood get more duodenal ulcers, and those with type A blood are more likely to suffer from pernicious anemia and stomach cancer.



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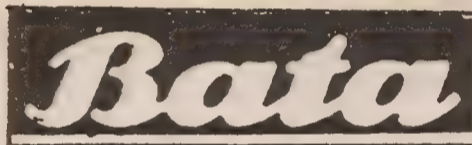
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The number of men who choose to have plastic surgery is growing. Roughly 500,000 men had surgery in 1982 solely to improve their appearance. Ten years ago about 100,000 to 150,000 men had similar. Men in their teens to late 20s are getting nose jobs while men aged 40 to 50 are seeking cosmetic eyelid surgery to remove wrinkles and bags from around their eyes. Men between the ages of 50 and 60 are getting face lifts to remove excess jowls and facial skin so that they will look younger, according to a report in Psychology Today magazine.

**Dutch Naval  
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WILLEMSTAD—The Dutch frigate HMS "Bloys van Treslong" units of the navy airforce and detachments of Marines stationed in Curacao and Aruba will take part in a series of exercises, inclu-

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ce it is determined that acupunctue points exist in different functional phases, it can become detectable on the skin surface through manipulative pressure. The way of pain quantification by detecting and counting acupunctue points has significant implications

in clinical pain management. Meaningful prognosis toward the outcome of pain management using acupunctue can be obtained. Today's treatment of multiple sclerosis is somewhat limited. However, Drs. N. Rabinowitz, M.D., D.A.c. and Michael Smith, M.D., D.A

c. New York, presented a paper outlining their work in using acupunctue to visibly improve the effects of multiple sclerosis in their patients. Dr. Smith documented cases in which acupunctue has been very beneficial in treating multiple sclerosis among them the case of a 61-year old woman suffering from this disease for thirty years and unable to care for herself, but who has made significant response since being treated with acupunctue. Dr. Robert Anderson, C.A. spoke on Chronological Based Consideration in the Treatment of Low Back Pain. Often it is difficult to treat low back pain successfully. However the combined use of symptomatic, diagnostic and chronological based techniques will multiple the treatment success rate. Various fields of acupunctue treatment were discussed in relation to the most effective methods in treating low back pain. Dr. Jong Wan Kim, C.A.

Ph.D., elaborated on the Korean constitutional acupunctue approach for pain control. This specifically involves pain which originate from the 5 solid and 6 hollow organs of the body. This pain is due to the fundamental imbalance of an organ but which can easily be corrected by means of acupunctue applied to various areas of the body. Dr. Caren Chine, discussed magnetic therapy and its effects on

the human body. China is the first nation to discover the medicinal use of magnetite (loadstone). The major pharmacological effects are in helping to calm and tranquilize the mind. Modern magnetic therapy with its wide variety in combinations of different magnetic field strengths and patterns has been successfully treating many medical conditions. Dr. Chen also discussed contemporary theo-

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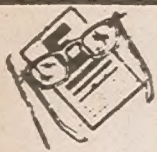
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# Humanistic Censorship

literature on their own time. Many surveys have shown that the typical high school library is well stocked with books on evolution as well as book on religion (that is, on liberal religion, Eastern religions, occult religions, and the like), but has only two or three creationists books, if any. This is also the case with public libraries. Dr. Morris goes on to cite a case in which a person donated \$200 worth of books to a library and in a short time they mysteriously disappeared. He also cites cases of trying to put Christian book in public libraries, clubs etc. where other books are in abundance, and are rebuffed. He says that it is even hard for Christian book stores to carry them. "We could cite many other examples of this pervasive humanists orchestrated blackout of the great truth of divine creation. The priests of evolutionary humanistic pantheism/atheism effec-

tively control public education, the news media and the government bureaucracies and they intend for it to stay that way. "But so far they don't control our homes. If children are going to be brainwashed in the public schools, it becomes more important than ever for concerned parents to support Christian schools where God is at least recognized as Creator and Sovereign. Furthermore, sound home teaching is vital - possibly in some cases even full-

time home schooling. Even though the ICR book are rejected by the public schools, they can still be very effectively used by parents to help teach their own children (note the impact article in this issue of ACTS & FACTS)

"The American nation, true science, and Biblical religion were all built on a creationist foundation. But, if the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do. (Psalms 11:3)  
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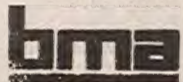
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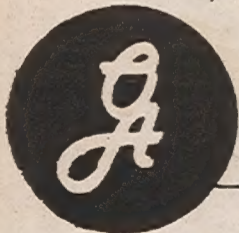
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scientists with degree in science earned at secular universities and colleges as well as being "born again" Christians. Some three or four hundred scientist ascribe to the special creation doctrine in this organization and a sister organization has some seven hundred members. I will quote from Dr. Henry Morris's article in

# Humanistic Censorship

ACTS & FACTS (ICR) October 1983, so as to sent the information correctly. Dr. Henry Ph.D. writes thus: One of the most ominous indications of a developing Orwellian-type 'double-think' or 'newspeak' syndrome (after all, 1984 is almost here) is the widespread charge that creationists are trying to 'censor' the textbooks and teachers in the public school. The truth of course is the exact opposite. It is the e-

volutionary humanists who are the censors. The best-known example is the infamous Arkansas (state in U.S.A. editor) creation trial, where the wrath of the nation's intellectual establishment was brought down on those well-meaning citizens who desired their schools merely to include the scientific creationist alternative (along with evolution) in the teachings received by their children. The result was a smashing

victory for the so-called American Civil Liberties Union, and a further entrenchment of the state-established religion of humanism in their own schools. The widely publicized ACLU threat to file a similar suit against any state or school district that authorize a two-model approach in their school has so intimidated authorities that the public schools are now effectively closed to any hint of creationism in their textbooks. "But that is not all, the same is true of school libraries, so the students and teachers can not even read creationist

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# San Nicolas Businessman Emphasizes Consequences of Lago Shutdown

SAN NICOLAS—Mr. Tico Arends, a prominent San Nicolas businessman, and member of the San Nicolas Businessmen's Association, was one of the panelists during a recent forum organized by the Aruba Jaycees. During the forum Mr. Arends focused attention on the closure of Lago and what it finally means for San Nicolas. Mr. Arends said; from the beginning of 1984 it could be noticed that business started to decline in San Nicolas. Rumors were circulating that Lago would close down. The Central Government started mentio-

its closure at least a yearning that Lago was going to close down, but the Aruba Government told the communication media that that was a rumor and a lie. That was when the confusion started flying to Venezuela with intention to fix up everything in the wink of an eye, it was believed that they had good relations there and that everything would be alright, and everyone started having false hopes that Lago would stay. Until the day that Lago dropped the bomb and announced that it would close on the end of October. It is then that

everyone realized that an atomic bomb had fallen on Aruba. The devaluation of the bolivar was set aside as if it was merely small fireworks. In Arends opinion an establishment who called itself "a partner in the progress of Aruba" had a moral debt which is much more than one day for each year that it was on the island. Two months is very little time to officially announce the closure of a refinery, an enterprise of such magnitude which contributed 50 percent of the government's income. As a good partner it should have announced

in advance. Not only to the government but to the community of Aruba. Mr. Arends said: "The whole thing became a joke, Lago said that it told the government of its intention two years ago, but in the meantime Lago de a large investment, they repaired the power house. Who would think that if someone is going to sell his house he would refurnish it. Lago said one thing but their action was something else. If commerce had known two years in advance that Lago would close it could have taken its stock into account, especially the establishments that supply Lago with materials. By giving only two months notice many businessmen were given a hard blow and they were stuck with a large stock of materials for which Lago was the sole consumer. Who were affected by the closure of Lago. In the first place the Lago employees, more than 900 professional people. Secondly the contractors who worked directly for Lago. The majority of them had to lay off 1200 people. Tradesman: welders, boiler makers, pipefitters etc. People who have been working from 25 to 30 in that profession and it is difficult for them to change to another profession.

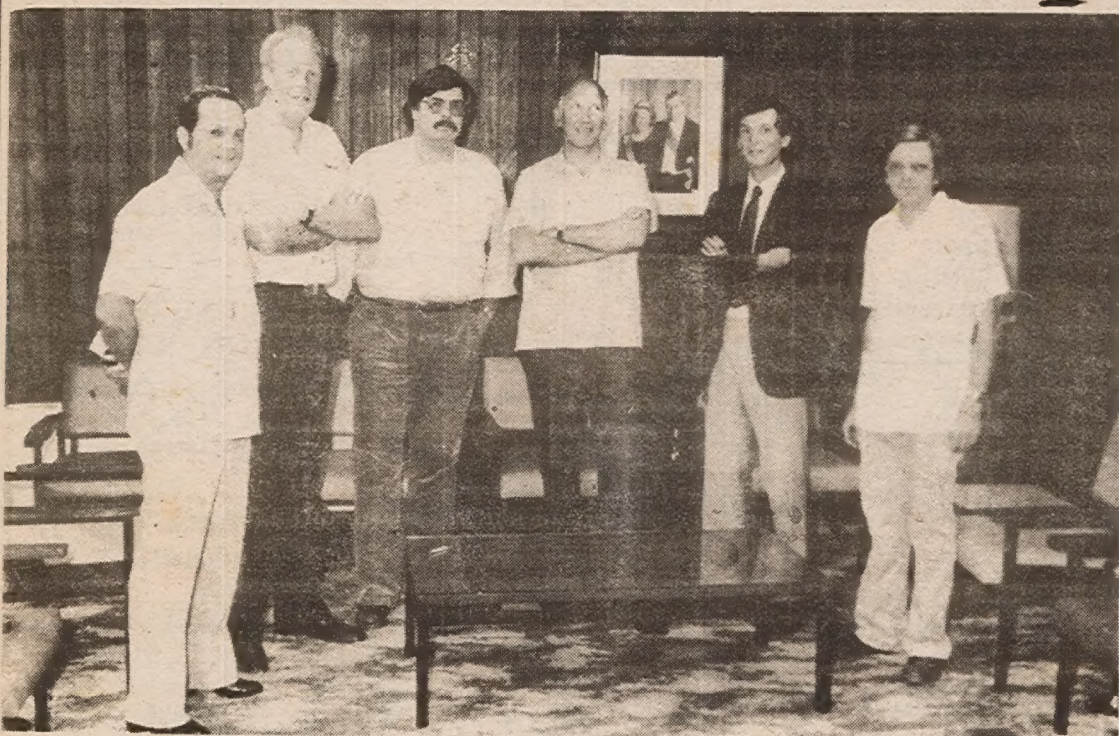
Snackbars in the Lago area that sold sandwiches, juice and coffee to the workers, have lost that sale. Restaurants that sold midday meals and meals for overtime workers have lost that sale. Drugstores depending on the purchases of Lago and contractor employees have seen their business decline drastically. A photocopying establishment has closed. Taxi and auto bus drivers have been affected, but nobody thinks about these small groups which totally will amount to a large number. What has the government done about the closure of Lago. To express it in one word NOTHING. San Nicolas commerce went to speak to the government. There is no hope in the tourism field. They are still talking about a group coming to take over Lago. Such talks are only creating confusion and false hopes. Say that Lago has shut down tell Lago to clear out, and start dismantling. That is the only thing that can bring work for at least three or four years, said Mr. Arends. It is a fact that so long as the plant is not dismantled the government cannot touch anything in Lago, neither the piers not anything else. Presently it is even a problem to enter Seroco Colorado.

## How U.S. Prison Population Compares With Other Nations

South Africa has a higher percentage of its population in prison than any other country on earth—440 out of every 100,000 people in that nation are behind bars. The Netherlands has the lowest per-

centage, just 22 prisoners for every 100,000 persons, according to figures reported in GEO magazine. In the U.S., 215 out of every 100,000 people are in prison. Aside from South Africa, only the Soviet

Union has a higher percentage than the U.S.: 391 out of 100,000.



ORANJESTAD—The chairman and the acting chairman of the coordination commission arrived in Aruba on Saturday. On Monday and Tuesday they met with representatives of the political parties and functionaries involved in the preparation of the Status Aparte of Aruba. After the discussions and a seventh meeting which was to be held yesterday, the commission will give advice about the definite date of Status Aparte. On the picture: from left to right, J. Weitenberg, acting chairman R. Vers hoor, P. Kaptyn (chairman), L. Berger and D. Scholman. z

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